

X-rated video loses vote

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (AP) — General Custer may get revenge, but it won't be in Suffolk County.

County legislators voted Tuesday night to take legal action preventing the sale of the controversial "X-Rated" Custer's Revenge home video game, in which points are scored for the number of times a naked General Custer can sexually engage an Indian woman.

Legal action will also be taken to ban the sale of Firebug, where players score points for setting fires.

The vote came over the protests of the New York Civil Liberties Union, which asked the legislators to defeat the resolutions on the home video games.

"No arm of government should be in the business of condemning speech, whether through direct sanctions, or through the promulgation of 'voluntary codes,'" said NYCLU executive director Dorothy Samuels in a message to the legislators.

But the legislators voted 11-2 with three abstentions and one absent to ask the county district attorney to take appropriate legal action to halt distribution of the games in Suffolk County.

After a long debate, they also approved a resolution asking Suffolk Consumer Affairs Commissioner Kenneth Rosenblum to develop voluntary guidelines for video game distributors in the county.